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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Mahan*

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A RESOLUTION honoring Jim Kline.

*Whereas, Jim Kline grows corn, soybeans, and seed wheat on his 7,500 acre Blackford County farm, which began with 100 acres rented from neighbors when he was a freshman in high school;*

*Whereas, Jim Kline is also one of four members of a joint farming venture in Brazil that raises eucalyptus;*

*Whereas, Jim was recognized as the "Top Producer" in North America for 2011 by Top Producer magazine;*

*Whereas, The "Top Producer" in North America award is*

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*geared toward the top ten percent of American and Canadian farmers in terms of agricultural output and gross farm income;*

*Whereas, The award recognizes those farmers who have steadily grown their business in an ethical and systematic manner;*

*Whereas, Described as a forward-thinking businessman, Jim Kline was among the first farmers in the area to adopt no-till farming, has developed an employee handbook for his workers, sends a newsletter to landlords and suppliers, and has adopted a practice known as "twin-row cropping", which uses a different planting pattern to grow more plants per acre with less environmental damage;*

*Whereas, Jim also was named a Partner in Progress Award winner by Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Skillman, which is the highest award given by the Lieutenant Governor; and*

*Whereas, The Partner in Progress Award recognizes those who serve with integrity and work within the community to accomplish something great: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives  
2           congratulates Jim Kline on his selection as the 2011 "Top Producer" in  
3           North America by *Agribusiness Magazine* and for his selection as a  
4           Partner in Progress Award winner.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6           Representatives transmit copies of this resolution to Jim Kline and his  
7           family.

